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(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No.7-073053 (an English abstract thereof and an English translation of related portions thereof are attached).

We believe that the above documents do not disclose a method for obtaining hardware resource, one of the hardware resources in the system, in which resources have not been obtained, is obtained for the resource usage of a hardware resource obtaining request, when each use rate of the hardware resources, which have been obtained and which resource usages are identical with that of the hardware resource obtaining request exceeds a predetermined threshold.

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